

A. V. BLOODGOOD.

FEBRUARY 1, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAKER, of Kansas, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8302.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8302) granting an increase of pension to A. V. Bloodgood, having considered the same, respectfully report:

Abram V. Bloodgood of Company H, One hundred and fifty-second New York Volunteer Infantry, served from September 4, 1862, to May 16, 1865, and was honorably discharged. He was wounded in the left arm in battle, claimed and was granted pension therefor, and was receiving \$8 per month when, in September, 1894, he was granted a pension of \$12 per month under the new law. He claimed under the general law for malarial poisoning resulting in rheumatism, but it was rejected on the ground of "No record in War Department, no medical testimony showing treatment in service or at discharge, and testimony filed not deemed sufficient to connect said disability with service. Rheumatism alleged as result of malarial poisoning, reject; not incurred in service." He has attempted to prove that he incurred malarial poisoning in the service and that rheumatism resulted therefrom, but has not succeeded in satisfying the Pension Office. He was treated while in the service, besides his wound, for debility, typhoid fever, severe cold and sore throat, and coryza. He is now totally disabled, principally by rheumatism, and is so helpless that he can neither feed nor dress himself alone. His left arm and leg are entirely helpless.

Your committee believe he should be provided for, and recommend that the bill be amended by striking out the word "fifty," in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty," and that as amended it do pass.